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**CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

State Capitol, Room 113
Sacramento, CA

Minutes of Meeting
February 5, 2009

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Michele Burton, M.P.H.
Daniel Eaton
Marvin Kropke
Vicki Marti
Nancy McFadden

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Wilma Chan

CMAC STAFF PRESENT

J. Keith Berger, Executive Director
Tacia Carroll
Paul Cerles
Denise DeTrano
Holland Golec
Mark Klobberdanz
Katie Knudson
Jenny Morgan
Becky Swol
Mike Tagupa
Mervin Tamai
Karen Thalhammer

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Jalynne Callori, Department of Health Care Services
Randy Ward, Department of Finance

I. Call to Order

The February 5, 2009 open session meeting of the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC) was called to order by Commissioner McFadden. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

The January 22, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as prepared by CMAC staff.

III. Executive Director's Report

J. Keith Berger, Executive Director, welcomed Jalyne Callori, Assistant Chief of the Safety Net Financing Division of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Mr. Berger noted that she would be representing DHCS in today's meeting.

Mr. Berger informed the Commissioners that a draft set of proposed CMAC meeting dates for next fiscal year, July 2009 through June 2010, was provided to them at the previous CMAC meeting and, since no concerns or questions had been raised, he recommended those dates be approved. Mr. Berger noted that the meeting dates can always be changed during the year, if necessary, by the chair or by a majority vote of the Commissioners.

The FY 2009-10 meeting schedule was approved and copies will be posted on CMAC's website and will be available at future meetings.

Mr. Berger indicated that budget negotiations are continuing, primarily at meetings of the Big Five, and that CMAC's ex-officio members provided information at the last CMAC meeting regarding the Governor's proposed budget.

On the operational side, Mr. Berger explained that the State Controller released a statement regarding the need to delay payments to many vendors for 30 days in order to preserve cash for payments required by the State Constitution, federal law or court order. He said the statement included a list of the categories where payments will be held and where payments will be made which stated that about \$900 million is projected to be paid to Medi-Cal institutional and non-institutional providers in February.

In addition, Mr. Berger informed the Commissioners, the courts ruled that the Governor's plan to furlough state employees two days a month beginning this month is reasonable, given our current budget crises and the state's lack of funds. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order, the CMAC office will be closed the first and third Fridays of each month from now until June 2010, unless the order is changed through court or legislative action or union bargaining.

Mr. Berger reminded the Commissioners that the next CMAC meeting will be in three weeks, on February 26, not the normal two weeks between meetings. This happens several times each year.

Mr. Berger noted that there was a very full closed session agenda, including 52 contracts and amendments before the Commissioners for review and action as well as continuing discussions and updates regarding current negotiations and negotiation strategies.

IV. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report

Jalynne Callori, DHCS, had nothing new to report.

V. New Business/Public Comments/Adjournment

There being no new business and no comments from the public, Commissioner McFadden recessed the open session. Commissioner McFadden opened the closed session and, after closed session items were addressed, adjourned the closed session, at which time the Commission reconvened in open session. Commissioner McFadden announced that the Commission had taken action on hospital contracts and amendments in closed session. The open session was then adjourned.